

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed November 21, 2006 identifies claim 49 as allowed and dependent claims 35, 36, 47, and 48 allowable if rewritten in independent form and the Notice of Panel Decision mailed October 19, 2007 affirms the status of these claims. In an effort to advance the present application to issuance, claims 35 and 47 have been rewritten in independent form with their same scope and all claims that did not depend from allowable claims 35 and 47 (i.e., claims 26-34 and 37-46) have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the remaining pending claims are allowable for at least the reasons identified by the Office in the previous Office Actions. The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and courteously solicits an early indication of the same. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

The Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due, but if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1835.

Respectfully Submitted,

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